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Message from the Mayor

As many of you know, I hold dear the memory of my father, who along with my mother adopted me as a foster child and gave me a home with more love and support than I could have ever imagined. I also know that there are many children who are not as fortunate as I was.

The absence of fathers has been described as one of this nation's greatest social challenges. Many would say that it is the most significant national crisis facing American families today. Tonight, nearly 40 percent of American children will go to sleep in homes without their fathers. The human costs are great – drug and alcohol addiction, teen pregnancy, juvenile delinquency, and poor school performance.

On May 28, I presented the District of Columbia's Fatherhood Initiative (DCFI). We are combining the resources of national fatherhood experts, District agencies, and our local community service partners to support fathers and strengthen our families and our communities.

The DCFI is a comprehensive continuum of services ranging from health screening, mental health and oral health services to employment services and parenting support. The DCFI is not only an investment in our future—I believe that it is our future.

I am pleased to announce that the District, through a joint effort between the Department of Human Services and the Department of Employment Services, will award \$1 million in grants to community agencies for the delivery of father-focused services this year. In the coming months, I will also appoint a Fatherhood Advisory Council.

When a couple that we provide services for makes a decision to form a two-parent family, we should provide them support. We can accomplish this by partnering with faith and community-based organizations that help build strong, healthy families.

We recognize that the fatherhood movement does not necessarily mean all children will grow up in two-parent households. However, through co-parenting and 50/50 parenting, we can provide the opportunity for children to have safe, positive relationships with both parents.

Thirty years ago most children could expect to be raised by both parents. Now, a large percentage of our nation's children must face the fact that they will grow up knowing only their mothers for a large part of their lives. I don't believe that we have another thirty years to reverse this trend of father-absence, to allow another generation, our nation's future, to grow up without the advantages of a mother and a father. Join me in helping support fathers so fathers can support their families.

U Street Renaissance

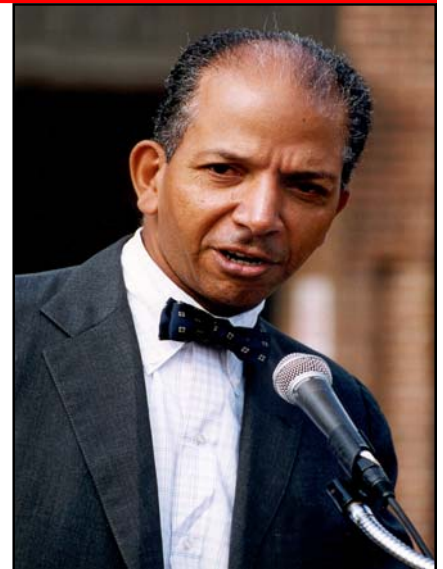
On May 30, I joined community leaders to break ground on the first rental housing construction developed in the U Street corridor since 1991—The Ellington.

The Ellington is exactly the kind of development we hope to encourage with our Main Streets program. The creation of rental housing opportunities, as well as the provision of much-needed retail services to this community, brings the U Street corridor one step closer to reclaiming its past grandeur.

Construction on the new \$44 million, mixed-use development will begin this month and is slated for completion in the spring of 2004. There will be 186 residential rental units, 15,000 square feet of ground level retail space, and 176 underground parking spaces. Donatelli & Kline, Inc. the developers, received approval and support from the Historic Preservation Review Board, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development Eric Price, the Office of Planning, and Councilmember Jim Graham.

The developers also worked closely with the community throughout the development process and gained the unanimous support of ANC 1-B and the Cardozo Shaw Neighborhood Association.

The financing structure for The Ellington includes a construction/permanent loan from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, and an equity investment by the Fannie Mae-owned American Communities Fund.



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Employee Spotlight

PSA 307 Officer Frank Servis has a knack for being in the right place at the right time.

On January 30, Officer Servis received a radio run for an unconscious man lying on the street at Florida and Connecticut Avenues, NW. When Officer Servis arrived, a large group of people hovered around a man who had passed out and fallen. Officer Servis jumped out of his squad car and quickly assessed the situation. He determined that the man had no pulse and was not breathing. He immediately began CPR and continued treatment until the emergency medical technicians arrived.



Officer Frank Servis, MPD

The man, identified as Shogo Nakanishi, a visitor from Japan, was transported to George Washington Hospital in critical condition. Officer Servis filled out the necessary paperwork and went back to patrol duties.

At 11 pm that night, the 3rd District Watch Commander received a call from Dr. Robert French at George Washington Hospital who said that, if it were not for the quick actions taken by Officer Servis, Nakanishi would have died. The next afternoon, two DC residents also benefited from Officer Servis being in the right place at the right time.

Officer Servis was on patrol with a new recruit, who had graduated two days earlier from the Institute of Police Science. The two officers had just entered the 2500 block of Adams Mill Road, NW, when they heard someone honking a horn to gain their attention. The driver of the vehicle told Officer Servis and his partner that four men had just robbed a man and a woman, and she pointed to the suspects, who were on foot. Officer Servis stopped his vehicle, told his partner to stay with the victims, and ran after the suspects calling for backup as he ran.

The chase ended when three of the men jumped over a wall, slid down an embankment, and found themselves facing a fence leading to the National Zoo with Officer Servis behind them.

Right place for Officer Servis -- wrong place for three criminals. Congratulations on a job well done.

Celebrating Our Differences

Asian Heritage Month

In celebration of Asian Heritage Month, I participated in the Asian Pacific American Heritage Award Ceremony held at the Martin Luther King Library on May 29.

For over 20 years, the month of May has been designated by Congress to honor and celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage. The ceremony was designed to commend outstanding individuals for their work in the community. I recognized three DC employees, three adult community members, and one youth for their contributions to the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

In studying the history of this city, we have learned that diversity is the foundation of a strong community. By working together and celebrating each other's differences and contributions, we build a better community for future generations. Approximately 20,000 Asian and Pacific American residents and small businesses proudly call the District of Columbia home.

The DC Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs and the DC Public Library jointly sponsored the event. Before the award ceremony, the Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs hosted a bilingual job fair in which 17 DC agencies were participants.

DC Awardees:

- Ellen M. Yung-Fatah, Department of Health
- Sonia Patricia Gutierrez, Department of Housing and Community Development
- Officer Dwayne Johnson, Asian Liaison Unit of Metropolitan Police Department

Community Awardees:

- Ruby G. Moy, National Organization of Chinese American Women and member of Metropolitan Police Department Police Training and Standards Board
- Ruth Sing Wong, Chinatown Steering Committee
- Anjali Nagpaul, Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project

Youth Awardee:

- Son Tran, Asian American LEAD

The Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs also officially launched its website, www.apia.dc.gov.



LINK TO OTHER WEBSITES

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New Deputy Mayor for Operations

I recently announced the appointment of Herbert R. Tillery former executive director of the Center for Excellence in Municipal Management and adjunct assistant professor of public administration at George Washington University, to the position of Deputy Mayor for Operations. Herb will be one of four deputy mayors who report to the city administrator, John A. Koskinen.

His extensive experience in senior executive level human resource management and development, along with his solid organizational skills and his reputation for innovation and vision, make him extremely well qualified for this position. As we work to sustain the considerable progress that my administration has made in customer service, clean communities, neighborhood services and performance management, Herb's background in the military and his work in civilian municipal management will be invaluable.



Herb Tillery, Deputy Mayor for Operations

In his new position, Herb will provide leadership and direction in the management of the following agencies: Motor Vehicles, Public Works, Transportation, Procurement, Personnel, and Property Management. He will also coordinate technology issues across the government with the city administrator and oversee the Operational Improvements Division. Additionally, Herb will be responsible for continuing improvements in service quality, particularly in the areas of neighborhood services, street cleaning and snow removal, human resource management, property management and procurement.

Born in Morehead City, NC, Herb was raised in the District of Columbia where he graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1970. While on active duty, he earned a Master of Public Administration degree from Jacksonville State University. After 26 years in the military, Herb retired with the rank of colonel.

Herb has held a variety of senior executive leadership positions, both during his military service and in the public sector. In his position at George Washington University, Herb was responsible for the design, development, implementation, and oversight of the Program for Excellence in Municipal Management, an executive education program for middle and senior managers within the DC government.

District Activities



Students of Fillmore Arts Center in Northwest Washington listen as the Mayor talks about the importance of student art programs.



Mayor Williams poses with recipients of awards for outstanding service to the Asian and Pacific Islander community.



Mayor breaks ground at The Ellington, a new apartment, housing and retail complex on U Street, NW. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, Frank Raines, Jim Graham, and others join him.



Community News

- Mayor Williams Signs Omnibus Anti-Terrorism Act of 2002
- City Marks Completion of New York Avenue Widening Project
- Mayor Williams Presents Balanced Budget for FY 2003

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Upcoming Events

06/15	Great American Clean Up, Jemal Gateway North Capitol and P Streets, NE 9 am—12 pm
	DC 2012 Youth Sports Day Click here for more information.
06/17	Ward 1 Town Hall Meeting Harriet Tubman Elementary School 3101 13th Street, NW 7—9 pm
06/30	DC State Day Washington National Cathedral Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW 11 am

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